

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment in supplement to the amendment filed on September 23, 2010 is respectfully requested.

The present amendment is being filed in accordance with discussions between Exr. Mai and the undersigned attorney during telephone interviews conducted on October 20, November 1, and November 5, 2010. Applicants and the undersigned attorney greatly appreciate the Examiner's courtesy and helpfulness during the course of these various telephone interviews.

As discussed during the interviews, by the present amendment, all claims in the application have been canceled except for independent claims 34, 35, 46 and 47, and their dependent claims, and claims 40 and 41 (which have now been rewritten into independent form) and their new dependent claims 53 and 54. It is noted that, in rewriting claims 40 and 41 into independent form, the feature that had previously been added to claim 37 by the September 23, 2010 Amendment, that is, regarding the rectangular substrate and electrostatic chuck being movable together, has been removed since, as noted by Exr. Mai, this feature was not necessary for patentability in claims 40 and 41. Accordingly, new dependent claims 53 and 54 add this feature in dependent format. It is noted that claims 53 and 54 are identical to claims 49-52, except for the fact that they depend, respectively, on claims 40 and 41. Finally, it is noted that, by the present amendment, dependent claim 42, previously dependent on the now canceled claim 37, has been made dependent on claim 40 instead (noting that claim 40 incorporates the subject matter of claim 37).

In light of the agreement during the above-noted telephone interviews that these amendments would place the application in condition for allowance, entry of this amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants note that, with regard to the

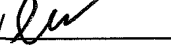
canceled claims, the cancellation of these claims is done without prejudice to the applicants right to proceed with the subject matter of these claims in a continuation application if they so desire.

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No. 1113.45730X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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